

Dig Deeper



Acts 6:8 – 8:1

Talk reminder

Hard heartedness against God (6:8 -7:53)

- **Israel:** God's deliverers, God's messengers have always been rejected by Israel.
- **Us:** So Israel's own history condemns them, but before we are too hasty and start to feel superior, let us remember our own history condemns us – we have been no better.

A message worth dying for (7:54- 8:1)

- A message of difficult truths we need to hear
- A message which brings life

A surprise (8:1)

- **Persecution leads to church growth:** Stephen's death leads to the scattering of the church, which leads to more people hearing the gospel and so more being saved!

Questions

General questions to prompt discussion

What particularly struck you from the passage?

What challenged you from the passage?

What encouraged you from the passage?

What did you learn/what were you reminded about yourself from the passage?

What did you learn/what were you reminded about God from the passage?

More specific application questions

- Where might God's Word be showing you that you are being hard hearted?

(Follow up: Why do you think this is? What would value prayer for in this area?)

- Do you really believe that we have a message worth dying for?

(Follow up: If not, why not? Where is our vision of God/the gospel too small? Why is it worth dying for?)